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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 5, 2004. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 11-20 are withdrawn from further consideration. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 10 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The title of the invention has been objected to as being non-descriptive. Applicants have provided a new title incorporating the Examiner's comments.

A new abstract is required that is clearly indicative the invention to which the claims re directed. A new abstract has been added. The Examiner has noted that the claims are directed to a method of making a semiconductor device instead of to a semiconductor device. Applicant believes that the preamble of the claims accurately reflects this.

The Specification is objected as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "separating device." Applicant has amended the claims to refer to this as a "de-masking" device. However, Applicant notes that the Specification, on page 9, paragraph 19, line 3, sets forth that the de-masking and wedge (303) is operable to peel the mask (602) from the wafer (603) until it is completely "separated" from the wafer (603). Thus, Applicant believes that the term "separating device" is an accurate depiction of the wedge and, therefore, use of this term would be supported by the Specification. However, in order to further the prosecution of this case, Applicant has amended the claims for clarification purposes only and does not intend this to be limiting, as the term "separating device" and "de-masking device" are considered to be equivalent.

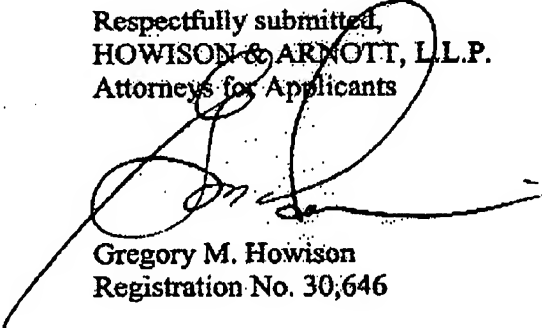
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Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/MOLI-26465 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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